would be happy to market India as a tourist destination whether it is for films or for trade or commerce, which we do. We have what is known as the MICE Destination marketing which we do quite comprehensively and then it is left for the initiative of various private players take up to market their product.

श्री सभापति: जो और लोग प्रश्न पूछना चाहते हैं, मैं उनकी लिस्ट भेज रहा हूं, आप इन सबको बुला कर देख लें। नेक्स्ट क्वैश्चन।

New Irrigation Projects

*382. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start any new irrigation projects to provide irrigation facilities to farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have announced any package for the farmers of Jammu and Kashmir;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when this package is likely to be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Irrigation being a State subject, schemes for water resources development for irrigation are conceived, planned and implemented by the State Governments. However, Government of India provides financial support under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) to State Governments.

So far, 11 major/medium irrigation projects in Jammu and Kashmir have been cleared under the AIBP for creation of irrigation potential of 0.032 million hectare. A sum of Rs. 113.45 crore has been released to the Government of Jammu and Kashmir under AIBP.

No package has been announced for irrigaiton projects for the farmers of Jammu and Kashmir. However, reconstruction plan announced by the Prime Minister during his visit to Jammu and Kashmir on 17th and 18th Novermber, 2004, *inter alia*, includes certain activities related to agriculture and food processing.

श्री टी॰एस॰ बाजवा: सर, मैंने माननीय मंत्री जी से सवाल पूछा था कि क्या सरकार किसानों को सिंचाई सुविधा मुहैया कराने के लिए कोई नई सिंचाई परियोजना शुरू करने का विचार कर रही है, तो सर, अभी यूपीए सरकार ने जो बजट पेश किया, उसमें यह कहा गया कि सरकार द्वारा एक करोड़ हेक्टेयर जमीन को पानी देने का प्रावधान रखा गया है, तो मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से आपके माध्यम से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या सरकार ने कोई नई परियोजना शुरू की है, माननीय मंत्री जी ने उत्तर में जो कहा है, उसमें ऐसी किसी भी नई परियोजना का कोई उल्लेख नहीं किया गया है?

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, answer itself has given the details of medium and major irrigation projects that have been cleared and some are in the pipeline. We are having discussion with the State Governments. The details are to be given by them and then, those will be cleared.

श्री टी॰एस॰ बाजवा: सर, मेरा दूसरा सप्लीमेंटरी यह है कि क्या जम्मू-कश्मीर के लिए किसानों की बेहतरी के लिए कोई नई योजना शुरू की गई है?

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, in the Bharat Nirman Programme 100 odd schemes have been submitted and they are under the examination of a Special Committee.

श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल: धन्यवाद, सभापति महोदय। माननीय सभापति जी, मेरा प्रश्न इस प्रश्न के 'क' भाग से सम्बन्धित है। माननीय मंत्री जी सिंचाई की नई परियोजनाएं तो बना रहे हैं और पूरी करने की कोशिश भी करेंगे, परन्तु देश में सिंचाई की ऐसी बहुत सी परियोजनाएं हैं, जो अभी अधूरी पड़ी हैं और धनाभाव के कारण वे पूरी नहीं हो रही है। मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि ऐसी अधूरी योजनाओं को पूरा करने के लिए सरकार की क्या योजना है और इसके लिए अभी तक कितना धन आवंटित किया गया है, उसमें से कितना खर्च हुआ और कितना नहीं हुआ?

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, recently, we had a conference of all the Irrigation Ministers of the country. The hon. Prime Minister addressed

that meeting. It is a fact that in many areas some of the irrigation projects have not been completed. In that meeting, it has been decided that each and every project would be examined and whichever can be revived, would be revived and we shall provide them the necessary funds.

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Sir, a major chunk of the population belongs to agriculture and the basic constraint that is being faced by the entire community is lack of irrigation facilities. The States are facing a great constraint of funds. That is the greatest constraint and the States are unable to borrow unless the Government of India gives them a sovereign guarantee. So, in this scenario, I would like to know from the hon. Minister what exactly is the plan of the Government of India to come to the rescue of the States so that States can mobilise funds and complete the works within a stipulated time so that there will not be any cost-overrun. So, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government of India has got any plan to come to the rescue of the States.

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, in irrigation schemes, the ratio is different for different projects. For a special category scheme, it is 90:10 and for others, it is 75:25. This 90 per cent and 75 per cent is given as grant and the remaining balance has to be borne by the State Government concerned because it is their project. Now, a special emphasis has been given on irrigation. The Government is trying to increase the command area. Under the pilot project, which was announced in the last Budget by the hon. Finance Minister, some projects have taken shape in various States. Once we get the Reports, only then we go in for expansion of the same. For expansion, there are laid down principles for which they can apply and they would be judged on merits.

SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH: Sir, the hon. Minister, in the reply, referred to the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme. This year, it was expected that there would be a major increase in allocation for the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme, but based, largely, on the market borrowings by the State Governments. I want to ask the hon. Minister whether he has information that the State Governments have indulged in such borrowings and whether this year will, actually, see a stepped up allocation and expenditure under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme.

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, what the hon. Member has said is not, actually, correct. I said, normally, for loan to a State, the ratio is

2:1. In special category, it is 3:1. Now, they are to organise minimum—not the maximum, though it is a State subject—and maximum funding would be given by the Central Government.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, in the Tenth Plan, about 11 million hectares of land has to be covered under various irrigation schemes by the Government of India. The hon. Minister is saying that it is a State subject. But, the major responsibility lies with the Central Government. Shri Ramachandraiah has said that funds are required for the State Governments. I would like to know from the hon. Minister how many schemes have been completed by the Mid-Term Appraisal; and thereafter to cover the 11 million hectares of land, which is a very ambitious plan. I would like to know from the hon. Minister how many hectares of land, in various States, has been covered under the scheme.

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, I don't have the details with me right now as to how many millions of hectares of land has been covered. I will send details to the hon. Member.

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*383. **डा॰ प्रभा ठाकुर:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने नई अफीम नीति में आर्द्रता का नया नियम लागू किया है, यदि हां तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) क्या इस नई नीति के परिणामस्वरूप अफीम की खेती करने वाले छोटे किसानों को भूमि के पट्टों से वंचित होने के कारण नुकसान होगा, यदि हां, तो देश के कितने किसान सरकार की इस नई नीति के कारण नुकसान उठाएंगे और इसका राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार को इस नई अफीम नीति से लाभ होगा; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है, और यदि नहीं, तो इस नीति के बनाए जाने के कारण क्या हैं?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री पी॰ चिदम्बरम): (क) से (घ) एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है।